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CHILDREN WORKING IN RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive policy for the children working as domestic help in Dhabas and Restaurants/Hotels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilized under the said policy during each of the last three years and thereafter, State-wise; and

(d) the number of children benefited from this policy during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Government is following the National Policy for elimination of child labour since 1988. It envisages strict enforcement of law, project based plan of action for rehabilitation of child labour and covering their families under other developmental schemes of the Government. Under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, employment of children is prohibited in 15 occupations and 57 processes including the two occupations viz. employment of children as domestic servants and in dhabas, restaurants, etc., which have been prohibited with effect from 10.10.2006. For the rehabilitation of child labour withdrawn from work, Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project Scheme. Under the Scheme, the children withdrawn from work are put in the Special Schools where they are provided education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care so as to mainstream them in the formal system of education.

(c): The details of expenditure under NCLP Scheme State-wise during the last three years is given in Annexure-I.

(d): The number of children benefited from NCLP Scheme State-wise during the last three years is given at Annexure-II.